

**Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California**

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In the matter of:

Resolution No. 98-219

**SUPPORT OF CALFED'S SIX COMMON PROGRAM  
ELEMENTS AND ENDORSEMENT OF CALFED'S  
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE THREE TO PROVIDE  
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES INCLUDING KERN  
COUNTY, WITH THE MOST BENEFICIAL AND  
COST-EFFECTIVE BALANCE OF WATERSHED AND  
ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT, WATER QUALITY  
AND WATER TRANSFERS FROM THE BAY-DELTA REGION**

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Reference No. ....

I, SUE DAVIS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, do hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Supervisor Peterson, seconded by Supervisor Patrick, was duly passed and adopted by said Board of Supervisors at an official meeting hereof this 7th day of July, 19 98, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: McQuiston, Perez, Patrick,  
Peterson, Parra

SUE DAVIS  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kern,

NOES: None

State of California

ABSENT: None

By Mary Schilling  
Deputy Clerk



**RESOLUTION**

**Section 1. WHEREAS:**

- (a) Water is the lifeline of California; and
- (b) California has a diverse economy with many diverse types of water users, each having equally important needs for the state's water; and

(c) Southern California currently faces a water supply, reliability and delivery problem that threatens its diverse economy; and

(d) Southern California's water needs will continue to increase significantly in the future as our population continues to grow; and

(e) Two-thirds of southern California's water supply is dependent on sources outside our region; and

(f) The San Francisco Bay-Sacramento Delta is a significant source of this import water supply; and

(g) While Southern California remains heavily dependent on a reliable and safe water supply from this region, it also recognizes the importance of local supplies and has been a leader in the development of demand management and water recycling programs; and

(h) A lack of investment in the Bay-Delta system has resulted in the degradation and declining health of the estuary and has reduced southern California's water supply quality; and

(i) Higher state and federal water quality standards are being imposed; and

(j) With the reliability of water supplies for California's future at stake, a joint federal and state program (CALFED) was formed to develop a long-term comprehensive plan to restore the ecological health, and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system; and

(k) After three years, CALFED has developed and refined through public workshops, technical work groups, an advisory council and an interagency team, three alternatives which are undergoing a programmatic environmental review; and

(l) Each of these alternatives comprises six common programs: ecosystem restoration; water use efficiency; water quality; improved Delta levees; watershed management; water transfers; and

(m) They differ mainly in the amounts of additional water storage capacity and the method of conveying water across the Delta; and

(n) CALFED will now be focusing on selecting a preferred program alternative; and

(o) This selection will determine the long-term reliability and quality of water available to southern California; and

(p) The water resources of the state shall be developed in a manner that protect the natural resources of the state but also supplies the urban and agricultural users with an adequate, reliable and safe water supply in a manner that supports California's economic growth; and

(q) The people of southern California, while having the need to implement ecosystem restoration projects within their own regions, are willing to join all the other people in the state to fund Bay-Delta restoration projects; and

(r) Alternatives Three appears to provide the greatest range of advantages to all Delta water users, and provides to southern California the water quality and water supply reliability that will help support southern California's economic growth.

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. This Board supports the CALFED six common Program elements.
2. This Board agrees to participate in meaningful measures to implement reasonable and cost effective demand management strategies.
3. This Board, to the extent of its authority, supports expansion of the use of recycled waters.
4. This Board strongly endorses the CALFED Preferred Alternative Three, that will provide a reliable, high quality water supply to southern California and at the same time provide for a comprehensive solution to the ecosystem of the Bay-Delta.
5. The Clerk of this Board shall provide copies of this Resolution to the following:
  - (a) Kern County Water Agency  
3200 Rio Mirada Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93308
  - (b) Kern County Farm Bureau  
801 S. Mount Vernon Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93307
  - (c) Southern California Water Committee  
800 North Haven, Suite 125  
Ontario, CA 91764

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